(b) whether curbing trans-border smuggling and drug trafficking, etc. were also discussed; and

(c) if so, what are the decisions taken during these discussions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Damage of Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium New Delhi

743. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sports Authority of India has undertaken repairs to the track due to damage caused by construction of stage for Human Rights show concert at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium;

(b) whether Government would consider not to allot the stadium for cultural and other shows that may damage the track and other sports facilities at this stadium;

(c) whether it is a fact that the stench of the decaying garbage in the stadium is fast rising and is causing health hazards; if so, what steps have been taken by Government; and

(d) whether Government would evolve a long term policy for Nehru stadium and its upkeep?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has informed that no damage was caused to the Synthetic Track by construction of stage for this programme. As such, there had been no occasion for SAI to undertake any repair work.

(b) whenever any stadium, under the control, management and maintenance of SAI, is made available for Cultural and other events, the sports interest is always kept in mind and precautions and safeguards are taken against any possible damage to the track and other installations in the stadium.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) SAI aims at maintaining the J. N. Stadium at a very high standard, in close liasion with CPWD and MCD.

Development of Interstate Waterways

744. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that delegation visited Russia and Yugoslavia recently to discuss various aspects of the development of Interstate waterways traffic;

(b) if so, what is the total expenditure incurred by Government in sending this delegation;

(c) what recommendations have been made, so far by this delegation for the development of waterways in the country; and

(d) what steps are likely to be taken by Government to implement those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) A team consisting of two representatives if the Inland Waterways Authority of India and one representative of the CIWTC visited Soviet Union in September 1988. The expenditure of Rs 70,554 was met by the respective organisations.

(c) and (d) The delegation had general discussions for exploring the possibilities of mutual cooperation for development of IWT including possible supply of IWT vessels/provision of training facilities, etc.